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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As a longtime supporter of Microsoft, I urge you to bring about an end to this case and go forward with the settlement that was proposed in November. Even though it causes Microsoft to give over a lot of its intellectual rights and profits, I feel that if this is what is necessary in order to bring about a resolution to this case, then so be it.

They are willing to give their competitors access to much of their software in order to increase these products' competitiveness with Microsoft products. They cannot even retaliate with these products for when they begin to steal Microsoft's share of the market. This is something that would not be required of any other company except Microsoft.

I hope that this settlement will be finalized as soon as possible in order to bring about an end to this long case. I would like to finish by thanking

you for opening this period of comment, so that my opinion could be heard.
I believe Microsoft has been good for me and certainly good for our great
nation!

Sincerely,
Robert Ruffin

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